

# The Columbus Courier

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## Mothers Day Proclamation

The light that shines through the mother love from the mother's eyes is reflected in the lives of all true men and women who have learned and not forgotten the command of God and nature to honor thy mother. Poor, indeed, is he who has forgotten.

It is well that we dedicate a day to reflect on the power of motherhood, to recall blessings bestowed in the past and to swear allegiance anew to the greatest force that makes for good citizenship in the domain of weak men.

Therefore, I, William C. McDonald, Governor of the State of New Mexico do hereby designate

Sunday, May the 14th, as Mothers Day

In response to a resolution of the Congress of the United States I request that the people of New Mexico display the United States Flag on the public buildings and at all other suitable places, "as a public expression of their love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

In the family circle and in public meetings may young and old consider mother as she affects the well being of our people and nation.

Done at the Executive Office this 8th day of May, A. D. 1916.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the State of New Mexico.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD,  
Attended: ANTONIO LUCERO,  
(SEAL) Secretary of State.

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## DEMING TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION JUNE 24

The first regular meeting of the new board of trustees of Deming was held Monday evening at the city hall. M. A. Nordhaus was elected chairman of the board, a position that corresponds to that of mayor. Emory Tabor was appointed night watchman in the position of John Warren. The position of plumbing inspector was abolished.

The board received the petition signed by 110 voters, asking for a local option election under the liquor law recently enacted. The election was set for June 24. Both "wets" and "drys" are working hard and it is expected that a close election will result. So far there has been a notable lack of bitterness that usually accompanies such elections. The "drys" are determined, however, and the liquor men, while accepting the challenge in a sportsmanlike manner, are leaving nothing undone to secure their interests.—Albuquerque Journal.

## Fruit Uninjured by Frost

The indications for a good crop of fruit in the valley this year are splendid where there happens to be an orchard. In the northern part of the Valley the frost made a killing but the orchard owners in this section report that they will have a good crop of apples and that the peaches are not near all killed. Many of the peach trees were in bloom by the first of March and there has been some very disagreeable weather since then and it at times was hardly expected that there would be any fruit at all this year. Orchards have proven to be a paying proposition in this section and it is hoped that a larger acreage will be planted.

## Big Attraction at Crystal

At the Crystal Theatre on next Saturday, May 13th, the management will offer what should attract more than passing interest. Nashville Students and jubilee singers, who have been known from coast to coast for a score or more of years and who have played several times. The company is the oldest colored organization now traveling and have been favorites for many years. They come so it is said, augmented with one of the best small bands that has been heard locally. The Minstrel performance will also be a feature with Coy Herndon, the great colored hoop roller, who has few rivals in the ranks of that form of entertainments. The band will parade at noon and give a concert at night in front of the theatre.

## YOU BET IT DID

A lively newspaper row is on in New Mexico over the execution of the seven Villa bandits captured after the raid on Columbus and the matter has been put up to President Wilson. Time and expense would have been saved had the prisoners been disposed of by the military authorities in Mexico, but the jury at Deming seems to have done its best to make up for the shortcomings of the army.—El Paso Times.

## Will Fence Cemetery

The ladies of Columbus gave a dinner at the old bank building Wednesday which netted them something around \$80, and the amount will be used toward fencing Valley Heights Cemetery. Donations will be received from all who desire to help, and it is hoped that the grounds can be cleared and fenced in time for the Decoration Day services.

## Death of Mr. Cummings

Mrs. B. E. Sisco received word Monday of the death of her father, Mr. Cummings, at his home in Battle Creek, Michigan, which occurred sometime Sunday. Mrs. Sisco left immediately for Battle Creek, to be present at the funeral. She expects to return here soon and will try to persuade her mother to accompany her. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were well known here among the old residents of the Valley, they having visited here for several months about three years ago. Mrs. Sisco has the sympathy of her many friends and acquaintances here in her bereavement.

## Ladies Aid

Mrs. A. D. Frost will entertain the members and friends of the Ladies Aid at her home on Wednesday May 17th and this will be one of the always enjoyable "silver teas" and every lady interested is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yarbrough returned here last week after an absence of several weeks. They have been in Arizona, where Mr. Yarbrough has been employed as well drifter.

L. M. Carl left for Chicago and New York Thursday, where he will visit relatives and friends, and will also attend to some matters of business.

Paul Nesch, proprietor of Nesch's Bakery in Deming, is running an auto truck daily to Columbus, supplying stores and restaurants with fresh bakery goods every day.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who helped in any way towards the dinner Wednesday, for the benefit of the Cemetery Association. By your liberal patronage we netted the sum of \$64.50. Committee.

## Two Boxing Contests.

There will be two boxing contests at the Ardome on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. The first bout will be between two middleweights, Young Allen vs. Jack Dempsey. The second bout will be between two featherweights, Fighting Doc Williams vs. Battling Chico. These will be 10 rounds each.

WANTED:—A once a firstclass waitress at Peach's Restaurant, good wages.

## Notice

We solicit the prompt payment of all accounts past due to the firm of Moore & Moore.

J. A. Moore.

Power of Attorney

## New Picture Show

The New Crystal Company has established another moving picture show just west of the old one. Both shows are being operated by the same company but a different program is put on and the people have the opportunity of seeing two first class picture shows each night. The high class pictures being shown compare favorably with those seen in any large city and the fact that they are being enjoyed is proven by the large crowds that are present at every performance.

## The Foreigner in a Foreign Land

Two so called newspaper correspondents whose names we feel it would be a disgrace to even mention, published articles in the El Paso Times and El Paso Herald lately that should not go unchallenged. They have tried to draw a picture of Columbus whatever, and have succeeded in describing a town which, if really existed, would not only be a disgrace to the United States, but to civilization.

We have neither the time or patience to go into details with the prevaricators, but they are a few things that we desire to bring to attention. Columbus has suffered enough during the past two months from things that was apparently beyond the control of our national government, without having to suffer from the falsehoods of unscrupulous journalists of the type in question.

Columbus is a small town, and the class of buildings, the streets, and general conditions, will compare favorably with a town of its size in the United States, with only one exception, and that is shade trees. Our oldest buildings were constructed five or six years ago, and in the main some of the best were destroyed. The lands near town are, in a large measure, undeveloped and we are anxious to get settlers—men who will do something—and we are always glad to have the exact facts in regard to Columbus and the lower Mimbres Valley published. Generally speaking, the newspaper correspondents who have visited us since the raid, have published nothing that would offend anyone, and we must admit that they, on an average, are as decent a sort as you can find, but the two men referred to above do not deserve to be classed with them at all, and are a disgrace to the profession.

To give an idea of the kind of stuff the articles were made up of we mention the following:

In the article published in the El Paso Herald the writer referred to the stranger in Columbus as a "foreigner in a foreign land." He was, according to his views, a different sort of being from the citizen. Now we would have him know that our citizenship is made up of people from every part of the country. Residents can be found here from practically all the largest cities in the United States, and our oldest inhabitants, with but one or two exceptions, have come here since the year of 1910. When we consider this it is hard for us to believe that a man who would write such stuff can be a real citizen of the United States, and he must undoubtedly have been the only stranger in town.

The same man also referred to the member of the moving

## Restaurant Under New Management

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Peach have leased their restaurant to Joe Stephenson, who will conduct the business in the business in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Peach left Thursday for an extended visit with their children in Texas, Kansas, and Ohio, and expect to be away for at least one month. It has been twenty years since Mrs. Peach saw the children and it has been fourteen years since Mrs. Peach last seen them, and they feel that they have well earned a visit to their old home.

picture theatre and quoted him using a brogue that would probably be heard in the most remote part of the mountains of Kentucky, the substance of which was that there was only one show a week in Columbus prior to the raid. Another falsehood. The first picture show was established here about three years ago, and since that time with the exception of a few nights just after the raid, there has been a show every night. We might also mention that the said manager is a product of one of the best known universities in the west, was engaged in the banking business in Oklahoma for a number of years, and at present is the president and principal share owner in the Columbus State Bank.

Another one of our citizens, who is a graduate of a Kansas Law School, practiced law in Oklahoma and other states until he retired, and settled here because of the excellent climate, and has been connected with some large eastern banking houses as an officer, was quoted as having used a brogue that was entirely new to this section.

Practically every statement made in the articles referred to were absolutely false without an iota of truth in them and the authors proved themselves first-class liars. It is regretted that such men exist and for their benefit we advise them to steer clear of Columbus in the future.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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## Well Now Under Way

The test well for oil is under way at last. E. C. Kniffin has secured leases and is now drilling only a short distance from the old Anderson well in which oil was found. He is starting with a twelve inch hole and if necessary will reduce to a smaller one later. The rig of R. W. Elliott is being used, and as they have the service of an expert driller, F. L. Painter, no delay is anticipated.

All necessary equipment is on the ground and it is expected that a hole can be sunk to the depth of about 2,000 feet within four months. Mr. Kniffin has had a wide experience in oil fields in California and other places, and is a geologist with a wide practical experience, and is not by any means going into something that he knows nothing about. The future of this section depends much on the outcome of this drilling, and the Courier will endeavor to keep its readers posted on the results as the work progresses.

## Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M.

April 11, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Merrill P. Richardson, of Columbus, N. M., who on Feb. 8, 1913, made homestead entry 08030, for the SE4 section 20, township 28 S., range 7 W., and on March 12, 1915, made additional homestead entry No. 01412, for NE4 section 29, township 28 S., range 7 W. N. M. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. C. Hoover, U. S. Commissioner, at Columbus, N. M., on the 25th day of May 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Fred J. Schmidt, James L. Walker, William VanHousen, Frank M. Lange of Columbus New Mexico.

JOHN L. BURNSIDE Register  
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## Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., March 25, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Hugh J. Kane, of Columbus, N. M., who, on June 10, 1913, made homestead entry 08104, for NW1/4; NW1/4; section 23, township 28 S., range 14 and on November 24, 1914, made township 27 S., range 8 W., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. C. Hoover, U. S. Commissioner, at Columbus, N. M., on the 8th day of May 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Seymour C. Pierce, Frank F. Bain, Louis L. Burkhead, Byron M. Reed, all of Columbus, New Mexico.

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## The Nashville Students

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## The New Crystal Theatre

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